the last five years in the States of Orissa & Himachal Pradesh is Rs. 1586.87 crore & Rs. 223.15 crore respectively;

(d) No proposal of both the States is pending with Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Demand for more Ports

3828. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1056 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 2005 and to state:

(a) whether the industry has also requested for increasing the number of ports to avoid port congestion, etc; and

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Requests have been received from the industry from time to time for development and modernization of the port infrastructure including augmentation of port facilities in the country. Development of port infrastructure is an on-going process. However, there is no proposal under consideration to increase the number of major ports. Responsibility for development of ports other than major ports vests with the State Governments.

Investment in National Highways Development Programme

3829. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invest one lakh crore of rupees on National Highways Development Programmes;

(b) if so, the programme included in this project; and

(c) the details of the project undertaken as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Committee on Infrastructure, set up by the Government, has considered a presentation made by the Planning Commission involving programmes with a total investment of Rs. 1,72,000 crore for upgradation of National Highways in the next seven years (2005—2012).

(b) Following programmes are included in this project:

(i) Balance of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase I & II for Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West Corridors respectively.

(ii) 4/6 laning of 10,000 Kms of National Highways on Build Operate and Transfer basis under NHDP Phase III.

(iii) Accelerated Road Development in North East Region.

(iv) Upgradation of about 20,000 kms of single/intermediate lane National Highways to 2- lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP Phase IV.

(v) 6 laning of around 5000 kms under NHDP Phase V.

(vi) Identification and construction of around 1,000 km Expressway under NHDP Phase VI.

(vii) Construction of bypasses, flyovers, ROBs etc. at required locations under NHDP Phase VII.

(c) Following sub-projects have been undertaken as on date by NHAI :

(i)	NHDP Phase I (Mainly Golden Quadrilateral connecting four metropolitan cities)	Targeted for completion by December, 2005
(ii)	NHDP Phase II (Mainly North South & East West Corridors)	Targeted for completion by December, 2007
(iii)	NHDP Phase III A (Developing 4000 km of National Highways on BOT basis)	Targeted for completion by December, 2009

Four Laning of National Highways in Rajasthan

†3830. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from the State Government of Rajasthan for converting the National Highway No. 11 from Jaipur to Chomu and National Highway No. 2 from Jaipur to Chaksu and National Highway from Kishangarh to Byavar into four-lanes-road on the basis of traffic density, and

(b) whether there is any plan to approve these proposals?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.